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New York City Poll
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Likely voter N = 701

What borough in New York City do you NOW live in?

	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Island	Refused
10/21-26/13*	**14**	**30**	**23**	**27**	**6**	**-**
Likely Voters	**13**	**30**	**25**	**26**	**6**	**-**

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Michael Bloomberg is handling his job as Mayor?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
6/4-9/02	48	26	26
8/25-29/02	47	31	22
10/12-16/02	47	41	12
1/11-15/03	31	53	16
6/6-11/03	24	65	11
7/13-27/03	25	67	8
8/31-9/4/03	32	57	11
4/16-21/04	38	46	16
8/20-25/04	40	49	11
2/4-13/05	43	45	12
6/21-26/05	50	35	15
8/22-28/05	59	31	11
10/21-26/05	67	23	10
8/23-27/06	63	22	15
6/6-11/08	67	28	5
5/29-6/3/09	60	34	6
8/27-31/10	59	29	12
10/26-28/10	54	30	16
8/9-15/11	45	43	13
8/10-15/12	48	39	13
7/9-15/13	49	36	15
8/2-7/13	49	40	11
8/19-28/13*	44	44	11
10/21-26/13*	**45**	**48**	**8**
Likely voters	**46**	**48**	**6**

2. Do you feel things in New York City are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

	Right direction	Wrong track	DK/NA
10/21-26/05	63	28	8
6/6-11/08	37	56	7
8/9-15/11	36	54	10
7/9-15/13*	51	41	8
8/19-28/13*	45	46	9
9/28-10/2/13*	47	45	9
Likely voters	47	45	8
10/21-26/13*	**46**	**48**	**6**
Likely voters	**46**	**48**	**5**

3. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you registered to vote in the election district where you now live, or aren't you?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
10/21-26/13	**72**	**27**	**1**

4. Are you registered in a specific party? IF YES, ASK: What party are you registered in -- the Republican party, the Democratic party, the Conservative party, the Working Families party, Independence party, Green party, or something else?

	10/21-26/13*
Republican	10
Democratic	61
Conservative	1
Working families	1
Independence party	4
Green party	-
Other	1
Not registered in a party	17
DK/NA	5

7. How likely is it that you will vote in the 2013 election for Mayor on November 5th? Would you say you are almost certain to vote, very likely to vote, somewhat likely to vote, not very likely to vote, or not at all likely to vote?

	Almost certain	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not very likely	Not at all likely	DK/NA
10/21-26/13*	80	4	9	3	3	-

8. Is your opinion of Bill de Blasio favorable, not favorable, or haven't you heard enough about Bill de Blasio yet to have an opinion? *QUESTIONS 8-10 ROTATED.*

	Favorable	Not Favorable	Haven't heard enough	Refused
9/28-10/2/13 LV	58	19	20	3
10/21-26/13 LV	62	22	13	2

9. Is your opinion of Joseph Lhota favorable, not favorable, or haven't you heard enough about Joseph Lhota yet to have an opinion? *QUESTIONS 8-10 ROTATED.*

	Favorable	Not Favorable	Haven't heard enough	Refused
9/28-10/2/13 LV	22	36	40	3
10/21-26/13 LV	25	46	27	2

10. Is your opinion of Adolfo Carrion favorable, not favorable, or haven't you heard enough about Adolfo Carrion yet to have an opinion? *QUESTIONS 8-10 ROTATED.*

	Favorable	Not Favorable	Haven't heard enough	Refused
9/28-10/2/13 LV	7	14	76	3
10/21-26/13 LV	11	11	76	3

11. If the election for New York City Mayor were being held today, would you vote for Joseph Lhota, the Republican candidate, Bill de Blasio, the Democratic candidate, or Adolfo Carrion, the Independence Party candidate? *CANDIDATE NAMES ROTATED.*

	9/28-10/2/13 LV	10/21-26/13 LV
Lhota	19	23
de Blasio	68	68
Carrion	2	2
Other (vol.)	1	1
Won't vote (vol.)	–	–
DK/NA	10	6

12. How likely would you say you are to vote for (CANDIDATE NAME)? Are you: 1. Absolutely certain -- there's no chance I will change my mind; 2. Fairly certain -- it is unlikely I will change my mind; 3. Not very certain -- I very well may change my mind or 4. Not certain at all – there's a good chance I will change my mind.

	Absolutely certain	Fairly certain	Not very certain	Not certain at all	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	58	31	7	3	–
Lhota voters	56	31	7	7	–
de Blasio voters	60	31	7	2	–
10/21-26/13 LV	**60**	**32**	**6**	**2**	**–**
Lhota voters	**56**	**31**	**8**	**4**	**–**
de Blasio voters	**62**	**32**	**5**	**1**	**–**

13. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you expect to win the Mayoral election on November 5th — Joseph Lhota, Bill de Blasio or Adolfo Carrion? *CANDIDATE NAMES ROTATED.*

	Lhota	De Blasio	Carrion	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	**5**	**87**	**–**	**7**

14. So far, would you be more likely to describe the 2013 election campaign for Mayor of New York City as interesting or dull?

	Interesting	Dull	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	**55**	**42**	**3**

TREND:

	Interesting	Dull	DK/NA
9/29-10/3/93*	50	45	5
10/20-24/93*	44	48	8
10/13-18/01*	49	45	6
10/21-26/05*	40	53	7

15. So far, has the 2013 election campaign for Mayor of New York City made you more hopeful that New York City's future is bright, less hopeful or has it had no real effect on how hopeful you are for a bright future for New York City?

	More hopeful	Less hopeful	No effect	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	**43**	**25**	**30**	**2**

16. If you had to choose one, which of the following would you say is most important in your decision about who to support for Mayor of New York City – 1) His positions on the most important issues, 2) His qualifications, 3) His party affiliation OR 4) Your disapproval of his opponents? *ANSWER CHOICES ROTATED.*

	Positions on issues	Qualifications	Party affiliation	Disapproval of opponents	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	**64**	**20**	**7**	**7**	**2**

17. Regardless of how you intend to vote, if you have to choose one, which of the following would be Bill de Blasio's greatest strength as Mayor of New York City – 1) His ability to understand the needs and problems of people like yourself, 2) His experience in government, OR 3) His vision for New York City? *ANSWER CHOICES AND QUESTIONS 17-18 ROTATED.*

	Understands needs and problems	Experience in government	Vision for NYC	None (vol.)	All (vol.)	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	**47**	**13**	**22**	**11**	**2**	**5**

18. Regardless of how you intend to vote, if you have to choose one, which of the following would be Joseph Lhota's greatest strength as Mayor of New York City – 1) His ability to understand the needs and problems of people like yourself, 2) His experience in government, OR 3) His vision for New York City? *ANSWER CHOICES AND QUESTIONS 17-18 ROTATED.*

	Understands needs and problems	Experience in government	Vision for NYC	None (vol.)	All (vol.)	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	**17**	**43**	**16**	**12**	**1**	**11**

19. In general, is your opinion of the Republican Party favorable or not favorable? *QUESTIONS 19-20 ROTATED.*

	Favorable	Not favorable	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	**19**	**76**	**5**

20. In general, is your opinion of the Democratic Party favorable or not favorable? *QUESTIONS 19-20 ROTATED.*

	Favorable	Not favorable	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	**68**	**28**	**4**

21. Do you think Joseph Lhota is a different kind of Republican, or a typical Republican? *ANSWER CHOICES AND QUESTIONS 21-22 ROTATED.*

	Different Republican	Typical Republican	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	**32**	**55**	**13**

22. Do you think Bill de Blasio is a different kind of Democrat, or a typical Democrat? *ANSWER CHOICES AND QUESTIONS 21-22 ROTATED.*

	Different Democrat	Typical Democrat	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	**37**	**55**	**8**

23. In deciding how you will vote for Mayor this year, which ONE of the following issues will be most important to you? 1. Education; 2. City taxes; 3. Housing; 4. Crime; OR 5. Jobs and unemployment. *ANSWER CHOICES ROTATED.*

	Education	City taxes	Housing	Crime	Jobs and unemployment	Other (vol.)	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	27	8	11	18	30	1	4
10/21-26/13 LV	**26**	**11**	**11**	**19**	**31**	**1**	**1**

24. Regardless of how you intend to vote, if Joseph Lhota is elected mayor, do you think he would bring about real change to the way things are done in New York City, or not? (IF YES, ASK:) Would that change make the city better, or make the city worse? *QUESTIONS 24-25 ROTATED.*

	Yes, will bring change for better	Yes, will bring change for worse	Will not bring change	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	**24**	**10**	**58**	**8**

25. Regardless of how you intend to vote, if Bill de Blasio is elected mayor, do you think he would bring about real change to the way things are done in New York City, or not? (IF YES, ASK:) Would that change make the city better, or make the city worse? *QUESTIONS 24-25 ROTATED.*

	Yes, will bring change for better	Yes, will bring change for worse	Will not bring change	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	**54**	**13**	**26**	**6**

26. Regardless of how you intend to vote, if Joseph Lhota is elected mayor, do you think his policies would make the city safer from crime, less safe from crime, or wouldn't his policies have any effect on crime? *QUESTIONS 26-27 ROTATED.*

	Safer	Less safe	No effect	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	**30**	**9**	**53**	**8**

27. Regardless of how you intend to vote, if Bill de Blasio is elected mayor, do you think his policies would make the city safer from crime, less safe from crime, or wouldn't his policies have any effect on crime? *QUESTIONS 26-27 ROTATED.*

	Safer	Less safe	No effect	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	**34**	**25**	**35**	**6**

28. Regardless of how you intend to vote, if Joseph Lhota is elected mayor, do you think his policies would increase the amount of affordable housing in the city, decrease the amount of affordable housing, or wouldn't his policies have any effect on affordable housing? *QUESTIONS 28-29 ROTATED.*

	Increase	Decrease	No effect	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	13	30	48	9

29. Regardless of how you intend to vote, if Bill de Blasio is elected mayor, do you think his policies would increase the amount of affordable housing in the city, decrease the amount of affordable housing, or wouldn't his policies have any effect on affordable housing? *QUESTIONS 28-29 ROTATED.*

	Increase	Decrease	No effect	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	59	6	29	6

30. Regardless of how you intend to vote, if Joseph Lhota is elected mayor, do you think his policies would make public education better, make it worse, or wouldn't his policies have any effect on public education? *QUESTIONS 30-31 ROTATED.*

	Make it better	Make it worse	No effect	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	25	22	44	9

31. Regardless of how you intend to vote, if Bill de Blasio is elected mayor, do you think his policies would make public education better, make it worse, or wouldn't his policies have any effect on public education? *QUESTIONS 30-31 ROTATED.*

	Make it better	Make it worse	No effect	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	58	13	25	4

32. Regardless of how you intend to vote, if Joseph Lhota is elected mayor, do you think your taxes would increase, decrease, or stay about the same? *QUESTIONS 32-33 ROTATED.*

	Increase	Decrease	Stay about same	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	41	5	48	6

33. Regardless of how you intend to vote, if Bill de Blasio is elected mayor, do you think your taxes would increase, decrease, or stay about the same? *QUESTIONS 32-33 ROTATED.*

	Increase	Decrease	Stay about same	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	39	9	48	5

34. Of course no one knows for sure, but if you had to guess, what percentage of New York City's registered voters do you think will actually vote on November 5th – less than 10 percent, between 10 percent and one-quarter, more than one-quarter but less than half, or at least half?

	Less than 10%	10%-25%	More than 25% but less than 50%	At least 50%	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	2	11	30	56	2

35. As you may know, Bill de Blasio is a fan of Boston sports teams. If he is elected Mayor of New York City, do you think he should switch his loyalty to New York sports teams, or not?

	Should switch loyalty	Should not	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	**26**	**59**	**15**

41. In general, does the recent federal government shutdown make you more likely to vote for a Republican, more likely to vote for a Democrat, or doesn't it affect how you will vote?

	Vote Republican	Vote Democrat	No effect	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	**6**	**47**	**45**	**2**

42. Think about past elections in which you have voted, including national and statewide elections. Would you say you always vote Republican, usually vote Republican, vote about equally for both parties, usually vote Democratic, or always vote Democratic?

	Always Republican	Usually Republican	Equally for both	Usually Democratic	Always Democratic	DK/NA
10/21-26/13 LV	**3**	**8**	**19**	**35**	**30**	**4**

My last few questions are for background only.

Are you gay, lesbian or bisexual?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
10/21-26/13*	7	88	5

Are you the parent or guardian of a child under 18 that lives with you?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
10/21-26/13*	27	72	1

Are your children currently enrolled in public school, or private school, or parochial school? *AMONG PARENTS*

	10/21-26/13*
Public	53
Private	19
Parochial	3
Public & other	6
Charter school	2
Home schooled	-
Not school age	15
Other (Vol.)	1
DK/NA	1

Are you or any other member of your household - that is, any other adult living in your home or apartment - a member of a labor union? IF YES, ASK: Is that person you or someone else?

	Yes, respondent or respondent & someone else	Yes, someone else in household	No, no one	DK/NA
10/21-26/13*	19	10	69	2

Generally speaking, do you usually consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, a Liberal, a Conservative, or what?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Lib	Cons	Other	DK/NA
10/21-26/13*	9	51	17	9	7	2	5

How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally do you think of yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	DK/NA
10/21-26/13*	**34**	**38**	**22**	**6**

What is your religious preference today?

	Catholic	Jewish	Protestant	Muslim	Other	No affiliation	DK/NA
10/21-26/13*	**30**	**13**	**23**	**3**	**5**	**21**	**5**

What was the last grade in school you completed?

	Grade school	High school	Some college or trade school	Bachelor's degree	Grad or professional degree	Refused
10/21-26/13*	**3**	**20**	**29**	**21**	**25**	**3**

Age

	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Refused
10/21-26/13*	**12**	**22**	**35**	**24**	**7**

Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, such as Mexican, Dominican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
10/21-26/13*	**18**	**78**	**4**

Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

	White	Black	Asian	Other	Refused
10/21-26/13*	**51**	**25**	**8**	**7**	**9**

Which of the following general income categories is your total household income before taxes?

	Under 15,000	$15,000 -29,999	$30,000 -49,999	$50,000 -74,999	$75,000 -99,999	$100- 249,999	$250K or more	Refused
10/21-26/13*	**9**	**11**	**17**	**12**	**12**	**16**	**5**	**18**

Gender

	Male	Female
10/21-26/13*	**47**	**53**